IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	:	David FARCOT et al.)
Appln. No.	:	10/083,492	 Group Art Unit 3618 Examiner Christopher Bottorff Confirmation No. 8439
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SECOND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 16, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is Applicants' *second* reply to the final Office action dated October 16, 2003, and follows an Advisory Action dated March 17, 2004, which indicates that this reply/amendment will be entered if the dependencies of claims 15-17, 19 were to be corrected vis-à-vis the reply/amendment filed on February 17, 2004. The dependencies have been corrected below.

With this reply, Applicants are filing a request for a second and third months of extension under 37 CFR §1.136(a), to extend the period for response to April 16, 2004.

In addition, a Notice of Appeal is being filed concurrently herewith.